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Figure 5 illustrates how a laser beam can be presented to a weld seam in a specific embodiment of an OD welding system in accordance with the subject invention.

Figure 6 illustrates how a laser beam can be presented to a weld seam in a specific embodiment of an ID welding system in accordance with the subject invention.

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Figure 8 illustrates the sealed container of bellow diaphragms attached to the bottom of the ID welding station of the present invention.

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